

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that a substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

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BOARD OF NURSING

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1. Title of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referenced:

Christian Science Nurse Exempted from Nurse Practice Act; no reference number assigned

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

March 26, 2009

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

Arizona Revised Statutes currently provides that "Christian Science Nurses" who perform religious services are exempt from the Nurse Practice Act. This Substantive Policy Statement clarifies their exemption.

A "Christian Science Nurse" who performs religious services is exempt from the nurse practice act as it relates to title protection. A person working as a "Christian Science Nurse" would not be subject to enforcement action for using the full title "Christian Science Nurse" and could lawfully use that full title while providing services that fall within the exemption in A.R.S. § 32-1631. A "Christian Science Nurse" could not use the abbreviated title, "Nurse" unless also currently licensed to practice in Arizona or another Compact state as a RN or LPN.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement of a revision:

This is a new policy statement.

5. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:

Copies of this policy statement may be obtained at no cost via e-mail to the person listed above or on the Board web site: www.azbn.gov. Hard copies may be obtained by contacting the person listed above for \$0.25 per page.